

Remarks

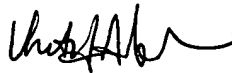
The Official Action required Applicant to restrict the application to one of the identified inventions. In particular, the Official Action required restriction between Invention I (claims 1-23) and Invention II (claims 24-39). Applicant hereby elects Invention I (claims 1-23). Moreover, the Official Action required selection between 12 distinct species. In this regard, Applicant elects identified species "a". In light of present amendments, Applicant believes claims 1-9, 12-18, 22-24, 27-29, and 32-39 now fall within the elected Invention I and the selected species "a". Examination of claims 1-9, 12-19, 22-24, 27-29, and 32-39 is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action. Applicant submits that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested, and allowance of all remaining claims is earnestly solicited.

Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666. If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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